

## **Northern Forest Woodcock Initiative (New England and New York)**

The Northern Forest Woodcock Initiative is represented by over 25 partners with a pledge to conserve and recover the American woodcock, which has declined substantially in recent decades with the loss of young forest and shrubland habitats. Land ownership in the Northeast is a patchwork of private, State, and Federal lands and thus private landowners are key partners. The Initiative employs a multipronged strategy, including the use of demonstration areas, monitoring, and outreach designed to raise public awareness. Management is underway on 40 properties totaling over 12,250 acres, including three National Wildlife Refuges.

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